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FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4450

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TUNIS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY VALLETTA IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L TRIPOLI 0745

LONDON KINSOLVING

E.O. 11652: GS

TAGS: PBOR, PLOS, ENRG, LY, TS, US

SUBJ: SHELF DISPUTE: LONDON MEETING

REF: STATE 129838

1. LIBYAN NOC CHAIRMAN MUNTASSER'S INSTRUCTIONS FOR HIS LONDON MEETING WITH THORNTON ARE PROBABLY NARROW AND QUITE SPECIFIC. MUNTASSER IS NOT LIKELY TO BE ABLE OR WILLING TO BEYOND HIS BRIEF IN VIEW OF THE CROSSFIRE IN WHICH TOP NOC OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN CAUGHT OVER DISPUTED OFFSHORE DRILLING. IF MUNTASSER HAS NOT BEEN SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE REMOVAL OF BATES RIG UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, IT MAY BECOME NECESSARY FOR THORNTON TO HOLD FURTHER TALKS WITH EX-PM JALLOUD IN TRIPOLI IF HE IS AT ALL DETERMINED TO WITHDRAW RIG. JALLOUD, WHO HAS HANDLED THESE MATTERS IN PAST, ALSO SEEMS TO BE IN CHARGE OFFSHORE DRILLING ASPECTS OF CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE.

2. ENI REMOVAL OF SCARABEO IV RIG LED DIRECTLY AND
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ALMOST IMMEDIATELY TO HOUSE ARREST OF SECOND AND THIRD RANKING NOC OFFICIALS FARAJ SA'ID (EXPLORATION DIRECTOR) AND SALEM FARQASH (ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR). MUNTASSER REPORTEDLY ALSO CAME CLOSE TO LOSING HIS JOB OVER SCARABEO MOVE BUT RECOVERED THROUGH THE QUICK AND FANCY BUREAUCRATIC FOOTWORK FOR WHICH HE IS RENOWNED IN INTERNATIONAL OIL COMMUNITY. JALLOUD

ORDERED HOUSE ARREST OF SA'ID AND FARQASH AFTER HE
REPORTEDLY LEARNED IN ROME THAT NOC OFFICIALS HAD NOT
CLEARLY SPECIFIED IN AN NOCENI AGREEMENT THAT SCARABEO
WAS NOT TO LEAVE BEFORE J.W. BATES ARRIVED.
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